GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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BANNED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of several drugs have been banned in the country during the last five years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for imposing ban on each drug;

(d) the details of action taken for strict enforcement of the ban;

(e) the State-wise details of hospitals/clinics /chemists apprehended and prosecuted for violating the ban order; and

(f) the steps contemplated, if any, for strengthening the enforcement mechanism in the light of such violations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of the banned drugs and the reasons for imposing a ban on their manufacture and sale in the country is annexed.

(d) For uniform and strict enforcement of ban the following steps are taken:

i) The drug formulations are banned through a Gazette Notification by the Central Government for uniform withdrawal in the country.

ii) Publicity is given through the press also to alert the general public.

iii) State Drugs Control Authorities are requested to take immediate action to enforce the ban on manufacture and sale under their jurisdiction.

iv) The manufacturers and Chemists Associations are also requested to give wide publicity about the banned drugs through their Journals for the information of their members.

v) During the meetings of the Drugs Consultative Committee, a Statutory body, the State Drug Control Authorities are requested to keep a watch over the movement of the such drugs and take action against the offenders of law.

(e) The information is being collected from the State Licensing Authorities.

(f) Necessary instructions are issued to State Governments regularly to strengthen the enforcement machinery for better surveillance and effective action against the offenders.

ANNEXURE-1

Drugs Prohibited for Manufacture, Sale and Distribution alongwith the reason for ban during the last 5 years.

S.No.	Drug Formulations	Reason For imposing ban
1.	Fixed dose combination of Diazepam and Diphenhydramine	Harmful
2.	Fixed dose combination of Vitamin B1, B6 and Vitamin B12 for human use	Lacking therapeutic justification
3.	Fixed dose combination of haemoglobin in any form (natural or synthetic).	-do-
4.	Fixed dose combination of Pancreatin or Pancrelipase containing amylase, protease and lipase with any other enzyme.	-do-
5.	Fixed does combination of Nitrofurantoin and trimethoprim.	-do-
6.	Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with any anti-asthmatic drugs.	-do-
7.	Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with Hyoscin and /or Hyoscyamine.	-do-
8.	Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with Ergotamine and / or Belladona	-do-
9.	Fixed dose combination of Haloperidol with any anti-cholinergic agent including Propantheline Bromide.	-do-
10.	Fixed dose combination of Nalidixic Acid with any anti-amoebic including Metronidazole.	-do-
11.	Fixed dose combination of Loperamide Hydrochloride with Furazolidone	-do-
12.	Fixed dose combination of Cyproheptadine with Lysine or Peptone.	-do-
13.	Astemizole	Harmful
14.	Terfinadine	-do-
15.	Phenformin	-do-